

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2005, applicant hereby elects species Group I, figures 1-4 for prosecution at this time reserving the right to traverse. The Applicant identifies Claims 1 – 15 and 17-25 as suitably being taught in the FIGS. 1 - 4.

Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, and 20 are generic, having each been directed to the suspension panel and straps 21, 23, and 25 in the elected species but also being present in the nonelected embodiment in the suspension panel 60 and the straps 71, 73, and 75. In lines 6-15 of Page 5 of the Application, the Applicant teaches the apparatus thus:

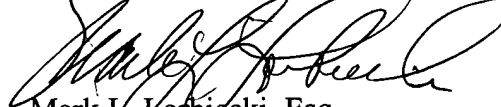
By way of overview, the preferred embodiment of the present invention comprises a carrier bag for attachment to the handlebars of a bicycle and includes a carrier bag having a panel. The panel has a first axis and a second axis. The second axis is perpendicular to the first axis and intersects the first axis at an intersection point to define a right segment of the first axis and a left segment of the first axis, and to define a forward segment of the first axis and an after segment of the first axis. A right bar strap is attached to the panel on the right segment and spaced apart from the intersection point. A left bar strap is attached to the panel on the left segment and spaced apart from the intersection point. A stem strap is attached to the panel on the after segment, spaced apart from the intersection point, and configured to encircle a stem cylinder.

As identified above both of the first and the second embodiment show this T-shaped array of straps closeable by fasteners about the bar segments and stem. As shown, the straps include the hook and loop fasteners such as those sold under the Velco™ trademark. For these reasons, the applicant urges the finding of 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, and 20 as generic.

If there are any questions regarding this application, or any matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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